

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Victor Badner. **Committee Members:** Dr. Bruce Dye, Dr. Maya Popova, Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens, and Dr. Robert Weyant. **Guests (Open Session Only):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, Dr. Frances Kim, executive director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, Dr. Nadia Laniado, president, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and Dr. Scott Tomar, president, American Board of Dental Public Health attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Kirsten Nadler, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, Commission on Dental Accreditation. The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) was held on July 8, 2022 via a virtual meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (p. 600): The Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health implemented August 3, 2018. The DPH RC noted that nine (9) dental public health site visits have been conducted from August 3, 2018 through October 31, 2021, and there were no (0) areas of non-compliance cited. The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citings of individual Standards.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Report on the 2022 Validity and Reliability Study of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (p. 601): The Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 601**) were adopted by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its August 3, 2018 meeting for immediate implementation. According to the Commission's Policy on Assessing the Validity and Reliability of the Accreditation Standards, "the validity and reliability of accreditation standards will be assessed after they have been in effect for a period of time equal to the minimum academic length of the accredited program plus three years." Thus, the validity and reliability of the standards for a one-year program will be assessed after four (4) years. Therefore, the validity and reliability study for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health was initiated in the Spring of 2022.

At this meeting, the Dental Public Health Review Committee (DPH RC) reviewed the results

of the survey, as well as written comments gathered (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 601**). The committee noted a total of 809 individuals were invited by email to complete the online survey on May 19, 2022. In order to increase the response rate, follow-up mailings were administered to all non-respondents on May 25, 2022 and those in the communities of interest on June 1, 2022. Data collection ended on June 7, 2022, yielding 88 respondents, for an overall adjusted response rate of 11.7% (excluding 59 individuals whose email addresses were undeliverable).

Following an initial review of the report, the DPH RC decided that to ensure a thorough review of data and the comments received, further study of the survey data is warranted. The Committee believed a workgroup composed of the Dental Public Health Review Committee members and no more than two (2) additional individuals, one (1) representing the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH), and one (1) representing the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) should be formed to further study the report and identify the Accreditation Standards, if any, which warrant revision. The DPH RC understood that the workgroup would conduct meetings by virtual meeting; therefore, there would be no financial impact to the Commission. A report of the workgroup would be submitted for consideration at the Winter 2023 meeting of the DPH RC and Commission.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation, through the Chair, appoint a workgroup composed of the Dental Public Health Review Committee members and no more than two (2) additional individuals, one (1) representing the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH), and one (1) representing the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), to further study the findings of the Validity and Reliability Study and identify Accreditation Standards, if any, which warrant revision with a report for consideration by the Dental Public Health Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2023.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for the Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (p. 602): The Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) considered proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health from Dr. Martha Mutis and Dr. Amit Patel (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 602**). The DPH RC noted that the submitters requested that a Master of Public Health curriculum be included as part of the dental public health program instead of a prerequisite as defined in Standard 5-2, and that revised Accreditation Standards require a clinical component within the program. These two changes have the potential to change dental public health specialty training from either a Master of Public Health plus one-year Dental Public Health residency or a two-year Dental Public Health residency to a three-year Dental Public Health residency.

Following initial review of the request, the DPH RC determined that the proposed revisions warranted further study in light of the validity and reliability survey results. Moreover, the Committee determined that it would be beneficial to study the proposed revisions in conjunction with the validity and reliability study workgroup.

In summary, the DPH RC recommended the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health be further studied through the validity and reliability study workgroup with a report for consideration by the Dental Public Health Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2023.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Validity and Reliability Study workgroup to additionally study the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health in conjunction with its study of the findings of the Validity and Reliability study and identify Accreditation Standards, if any, which warrant revision with a report for consideration by the Dental Public Health Review Committee and Commission in Winter 2023.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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